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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE COMMISSION
STAFF DIRECTOR
GENERAL COUNSEL
FEC PRESS OFFICE
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FROM: OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY *Muro*

DATE: AUGUST 18, 2005

SUBJECT: *Ex Parte* COMMUNICATION
RE: ADVISORY OPINION 2005-10

Transmitted herewith is a summary of a telephone call received by Commissioner Mason from Representative John Doolittle of California regarding the above-captioned matter.

Attachment



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FROM: DAVID M. MASON
COMMISSIONER

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "DM", written over the name "DAVID M. MASON".

DATE: AUGUST 17, 2005

SUBJECT: EX PARTE COMUNICATION IN AO 2005-10

On Tuesday I received a call from Representative John Doolittle regarding the blue draft of Advisory Opinion 2005-10. He stated that it was unfair that Governor Schwarzenegger can raise unlimited amounts of money in support of the redistricting initiative while those opposing it are stuck with BCRA-imposed limits.

Doolittle indicated that every Republican in the state legislature had voted for the existing redistricting agreement and that Republicans, other than the Governor, generally opposed the redistricting initiative. He believes adoption of the initiative could hurt Republicans. He also believes that commissions, like that proposed in the initiative, do not remove partisanship from the inherently political redistricting process.